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PROTEIN DRUG DELIVERY

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1-27, 68 and 69, for examination, with traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application to seek patent protection for the subject matter of any non-elected claims.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Group I Claims 1-27, 68 and 69, drawn to stabilizing catheter for protein drug delivery comprising tubing with at least one layer;

Group II: Claims 28-53, drawn to an infusion system for protein drug delivery;

Group III: Claims 70-72, drawn to a stabilizing catheter comprising a hydrophilic and mobile layer affixed to the interior surface;

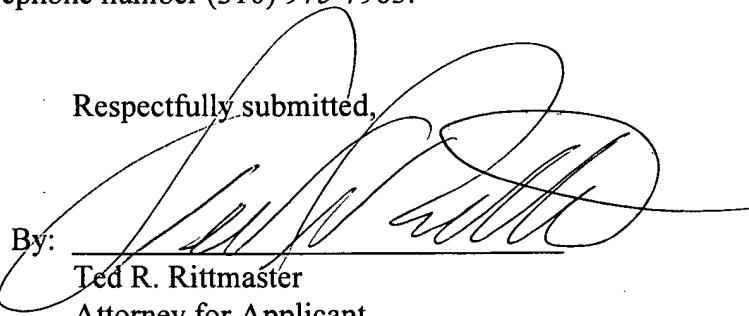
Group IV: Claims 73-80, drawn to a stabilization catheter comprising tubing that reduces denaturation of protein;

Group V: Claims 54-67, drawn to a method of stabilizing a protein drug formulation in a delivery catheter; and

Group VI: Claims 81-86, drawn to a method of reducing site loss of a protein drug.

If any additional information is needed for responding to the restriction requirement or any other aspect of the Office Action dated October 5, 2005, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (310) 975-7963.

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